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TAGS: ETRD, RP, US

SUBJECT: U.S. INVESTMENT: FILTRONA CASE

REF: MANILA 7110

1. FILTRONA INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT, E.H. HILTON, CALLED EA/PHL TO REVIEW HISTORY OF COMPANY'S PHILIPPINE PROBLEMS. NOTED THAT THEY ARE NOW A YEAR OLD, THAT PLANT HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR SOME MONTHS, AND THAT DESPITE NUMEROUS FILTRONA AND USG REPRESENTATIONS, GOP HAS NOT PROVIDED RELIEF FROM DISCRIMINATORY ACETATE TOW IMPORT DUTY (P.D. 750). HE WENT ON TO STATE THAT FILTRONA'S JOINT US/UK OWNERS BECOMING RESTIVE OVER CONTINUING LOSSES FROM MAINTAINING UNUSED FACILITIES. IN NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE THEY WILL FACE DECISION ON PHILIPPINE WITHDRAWAL IF THERE APPEARS TO BE LITTLE OR NO LIKELIHOOD OF RESUMING PRODUCTION- HILTON SOUGHT DEPARTMENT'S CURRENT ASSESSMENT OF PROSPECTS FOR GOP IMPORT TAX REVISION, INDICATING IT WOULD WEIGH HEAVILY IN COMPANY DELIBERATIONS.

2. REQUEST EMBASSY VIEWS AS TO WHETHER THERE NOW EXISTS,
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OR COULD FURTHER USG REPRESENTATIONS RESULT IN, REASONABLE

HOPE FOR GOP AMENDMENT OF P.D. 750. ROBINSON

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